

Abstract of the Disclosure

A process useful for making ondansetron that comprises reacting a carbazalone in a reaction mixture comprising a carbazalone of formula (2), a formaldehyde or precursor thereof, and an amine of formula (3) in a non-aqueous polar solvent and in the presence of a water binding agent. The reaction product(s) can be reacted with an amine of formula (5) to form ondansetron. The water binding agent can improve the yield and/or speed of the reaction.

